

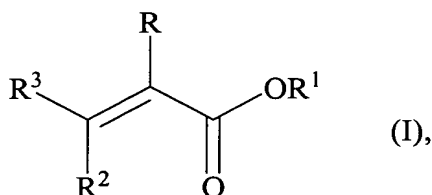
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Abstract

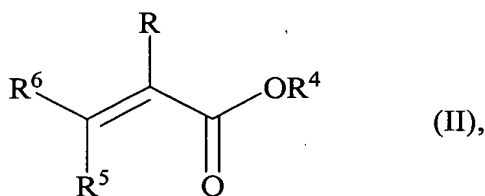
~~The present invention concerns a~~ A functional fluid comprising containing

- A) 1 to 99 % by weight ~~based on the total weight of the functional fluid of~~
alkyl(meth)acrylate polymers obtainable by polymerizing a mixture of
olefinically unsaturated monomers, which consists of
a) 1-100 wt% based on the total weight of the ethylenically unsaturated
monomers of one or more ethylenically unsaturated ester compounds of
formula (I)



where R is hydrogen or methyl, R¹ means a linear or branched alkyl residue
with 1-6 carbon atoms, R² and R³ independently represent hydrogen or a
group of the formula -COOR', where R' means hydrogen or a alkyl group
with 1-6 carbon atoms,

- b) 0-99 wt% ~~based on the total weight of the ethylenically unsaturated~~
~~monomers~~ of one or more ethylenically unsaturated ester compounds of
formula (II)



where R is hydrogen or methyl, R^4 means a linear or branched alkyl residue with 7-40 carbon atoms, R^5 and R^6 independently are hydrogen or a group of the formula --COOR'', where R'' means hydrogen or an alkyl group with 7-40 carbon atoms, and

c) 0-50 wt% ~~based on the total weight of the ethylenically~~ of unsaturated monomers comonomers,

and

B) 1 to 99 % by weight ~~based on the total weight of the functional fluid~~ of an oxygen containing compound selected from to group of organophosphorus compounds, carboxylic acid esters and/or polyether polyols.